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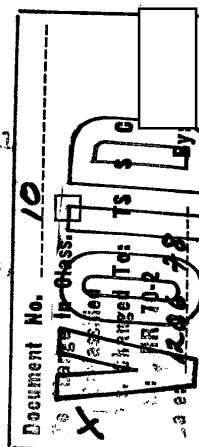
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1. The field was located about 10 miles southeast of SVERDLOVSK (60°39'E/56°48'N), about 6 miles from ISTOK (see Annex).
2. There was a good grass cover, a spur track, and 165-foot wide concrete runways, which were under repair. For this purpose the ground was excavated to a depth of 18 inches, filled with gravel and sand, and then covered with a 6-inch concrete layer.
3. The three-story administration building had a tower-like superstructure with loudspeakers on all sides for traffic control purposes. The building also had a rotating flashing light. All the buildings were covered with asbestos plates.
4. About two hundred fighters and one hundred twin-engine aircraft were stationed at the field.
 - a. Fighters: Low-wing monoplanes, with notably powerful-looking radial engine, retractable landing gear, trapezoidal wings with rounded tips.
 - b. Twin-engine aircraft: Low-wing monoplanes with two radial engines and three-bladed propellers, far projecting nose compartment. Most of these aircraft had small windows on both sides of the fuselage, but a few aircraft had none. Up to 20 passengers disembarked from the aircraft with windows.
5. Several hundred concrete bombs of various calibers were scattered around the field.
6. A radio station was under construction in a clearing about six miles north of the field. This station was called "Majak" radio station by Soviet workers. A two-story building, 26x40 feet, was under construction there. Four groups of four holes each, 10x10 feet and 12 feet deep, were being dug out.

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Thirty trellis masts, about 50 feet long, were seen near the building site. Machines were installed in the completed building. According to Soviet workers, the "Majak" radio station was scheduled to be ready for operation by 1 April 1948.

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☐ Comment:

a. The existence of an airfield southeast of SVERDLOVSK was reported for the first time. The following installations were located in SVERDLOVSK during the war:

An air force school for fighter pilots, aircraft mechanics, and aerial gunners.

A commercial pilot and aircraft mechanic school.

b. The field is apparently a modern commercial field, which is also used by air force units.

c. The information on the location of the field may be correct, since a commercial airfield existed in SVERDLOVSK in former times.

d. Although the data on the occupation of the field seems to be exaggerated, it may be assumed that, besides transport and commercial aircraft on the Aeroflot Airlines, a large fighter unit, apparently equipped with La-7 or even La-9 aircraft, was also stationed at the field in 1947.

e. The radio station mentioned seems to be a flight traffic control station for commercial and military purposes.

1 Annex: Airfield Southeast of SVERDLOVSK.

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